



Family Court Project

Elkhart County

Basic Information

Population:	186,000
County Seat:	Goshen
Judicial Officers:	10
Date of Project Implementation:	1/1/2012
Project Judge/s:	David C. Bonfiglio
Administrative Contact:	Jan Osborn
Project Funding:	\$25,000 1st yr; \$10,000 2nd yr; 3rd year \$7,200

Family Court Mission Statement

Please provide a mission statement for your Family Court Programming

Expand and improve direct services for court referrals and increase the chances of success in the lives of children and their parents.

Family Court Programming

Please provide a description your Family Court Programming

There are three components: 1. Supervised Visitation. Assistance for parents that require supervision through Child and Parents Services, (CAPS) an Elkhart County Agency with 30 years of advocacy for children and their families. 2. Case Management. This component assists in determining community interventions needed in high conflict family situations and provides the link from the court ordered services to the actual services ordered. Finally, this component assures that those services are being utilized and that those services are appropriate for the family. CAPS also provides this program. 3. Mediation for Juvenile Paternity Cases for determination of custody and parenting time issues immediately after adjudication. The Center for Community Justice provides this program.

Number of Families Served

Please provide an estimate of the number of families served through the Family Court Programming

2012: 275 adults and 188 children: 137 families: 2013: 44 adults and 49 children: 35 families; Note: paternity mediations in 2012 were 119, in 2013 all paternity mediations were moved to the Elkhart County ADR Fund so that the balance of the Family Court Grant could go to Supervised Visitation and Case Management. There were 129 paternity cases mediated.

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